

Levy Oversight Committee

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Norman B. Rice Conference Room

7th Floor, City Hall

Meeting Purpose:

- **Review 2006-2007 targets for Middle School Support and Community Learning Centers and for Elementary Community Learning Centers**
- **Update on Seattle School District 10th grade WASL results**
- **Update on School Closures**

4:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions	Tim Ceis, Deputy Mayor
4:05	Review of Agenda and Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2006	Tim Ceis, Deputy Mayor
4:15	Review of Revised Community Learning Center (CLC)/Middle School Support and Elementary CLC Revised Targets	Holly Miller Sid Sidorowicz
4:40	Update on School Closures	Superintendent Raj Manhas
5:00	Briefing on Seattle School District 10th grade WASL results	Superintendent Raj Manhas
5:20	Update on Summer College	Holly Miller Jessica de Barros
5:30	Adjourn	Tim Ceis, Deputy Mayor

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LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**
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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Someireh Amirfaiz, Tim Ceis (for Mayor Nickels), Cheryl Chow, Frances Contreras, Councilmember David Della, Kris Hildebrandt, Antonio Hopson, Marie Kurose, Raj Manhas, David Okimoto, John Pehrson, Debra Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lin Carlson (Seattle Public Schools), TJ Cosgrove (Public Health Seattle-King County), Jerry DeGriek (Human Services Dept), Jessica de Barros (Office for Education), Donnie Grabowski (OFE), Kathleen Groshong (HSD), Aimee Hirabayashi (Middle School Support), Donna Hudson (Parks), Patricia Lee (City Council Central Staff), Jill Lewis (SPS), Patricia McInturff (HSD), Bernie Matsuno (Dept of Neighborhoods), Holly Miller (OFE), Erica Mullen (YMCA), Thelma Payne (SPS), Patti Petesch (Parks), Liezl Tomas Rebugio (HSD), Mary Jean Ryan (Office of Policy and Management), Sid Sidorowicz (OFE), Adie Simmons (SPS), Cheryl Swab (DOF), Anna Treadway (HSD), Billie Young (HSD)

Tim Ceis called the meeting to order. Tim Ceis moved to approve the minutes from the March 21 LOC meeting and the minutes were so approved.

Philadelphia Inter-City Study Trip

The meeting began with a brief discussion of the recent Philadelphia Inter-City Study trip. John Pehrson pointed out good use of local resources by one of the public schools and that the Philadelphia school district receives \$1K more per student for that school. He also mentioned that the Superintendent/CEO works with all schools (charter, public, private) and that the district has disbanded middle schools in favor of K-8s. Raj Manhas discussed how a crisis there had led to change and questioned whether the infrastructure could be sustained. He discussed the difficulty urban schools face in moving from good to great. Holly Miller discussed how Philadelphia is good at community partnerships and mentioned that the school district is contracting with private organizations to develop curriculum. Marie Kurose asked if there was any focus on the achievement gap, and the response was yes, that all programs were focusing on this.

Mid-Course Review Process

Holly Miller thanked Sid Sidorowicz and Jessica de Barros for their hard work in preparing the Mid-Year report. Holly mentioned that original targets were based on good judgment but that hard data were not available. During the baseline review, in some cases it became clear that student achievement was higher than expected. The baseline is being used as the basis for setting new targets, but OFE won't have outcome data until next fall, following the WASL test results.

Holly described the "value-added" terminology that would be used during the mid-course report briefing as the number of students meeting standards above the baseline level. These are students who had not met standards before participating in the Levy-funded programs. She then

reviewed the process for indicator and outcome target review in proposing mid-course corrections, which included a March 29 retreat, team sessions to review targets, two LOC brown bag briefings, and then, following this meeting, target recommendations to the Mayor to inform 2007 budget decisions. Councilmember Della asked when the LOC would be briefed on budget changes resulting from mid-course program changes. Tim Ceis mentioned that the LOC would be briefed before the budget goes to the City Council. Holly extended her appreciation to the Levy program teams, stating that they have worked hard on the process to date.

Jessica de Barros briefed the LOC on mid-year indicators and recommended targets and changes for 2007. The following is a summary of discussion by program area.

Early Learning

John Pehrson asked how the 70% DRA target for children who participate in the Pre-K program compares to the baseline data and Jessica noted that it is higher. Debra Sullivan asked if the target of 206 children whose teachers participate in training includes the current 81 children and Jessica replied that it does not.

Cheryl Chow asked if there would be funds for teachers to administer the Speed DIAL assessment. Jessica de Barros replied that kindergarten teachers haven't agreed yet to administer this and that the budget hasn't been completed. Holly Miller mentioned that the Pre-K program providers, not the Seattle Public Schools, would do the assessments this year. Mary Jean Ryan said that we need to resolve this issue of kindergarten readiness assessment and that Governor Gregoire's Early Learning Initiative will probably result in the need for a new assessment. She mentioned that the Partnership Agreement requires a pilot of the DIAL and it didn't happen. We need to figure out how to engage kindergarten teachers on this subject. Cheryl Chow noted that the teachers had received training but that a budget to administer the assessment was not available. Holly Miller noted that a long-term goal is to work with the Seattle Public Schools to develop an internalized kindergarten readiness assessment that isn't viewed as externally imposed and that will be useful to teachers. Antonio Hopson asked whether this was an issue of time, money, or both, and Marie Kurose asked how kindergarten teachers currently do assessments. Aimee Hirabayashi clarified that SPS used to have a good screening process until the budget was cut. She added that Ramona Pierson joined the academic team and this will help reinstate an assessment tool. Billie Young said the Speed DIAL shouldn't involve an increase in time to administer and that HSD and SPS are looking to use a normed tool whose results can be aggregated and that will replace the current tool.

Councilmember Della asked for an explanation of the slower ramp up of preschool slots. Jessica de Barros explained that this was based on the fact that only 134 of the 280 slots were filled, that there was delayed opening of sites until January and because of the effort to start up new programs.

John Pehrson said we need to get on a more common basis for addressing the interface between Pre-K and SPS and that they can't be measured in two different ways. Holly Miller added that SPS had appointed an Early Childhood Coordinator, that the City would like to see preschool programs in school buildings, and that more work on this was needed.

Family Support

Someireh Amirfaiz asked what it meant to “serve” students. Thelma Payne clarified that these were students who had been identified as having an academic need. Someireh Amirfaiz asked whether these were comprehensive services, and Thelma Payne said that students were served based on need, which was defined in partnership with the family and school.

Family and Community Involvement

Marie Kurose asked whether the targets were not lower than the current baseline and Jessica de Barros said the targets represent additional students who have not previously met academic standards; the targets would add value to the baseline. John Pehrson asked about the community-based family involvement grants, and Jessica de Barros and Adie Simmons responded that they will continue to work in schools receiving the grants. Marie Kurose asked if they would have targets also, and Adie Simmons responded that yes, as part of the contract, they will have WASL targets.

Elementary CLCs

Marie Kurose asked if the target was value-added and Jessica de Barros responded that it was not, but the recommended target of 24% was higher than the baseline for students passing all three WASL tests (19%). Councilmember Della asked how you get a higher target with fewer sites, and Sid Sidorowicz responded that more children will be served with fewer sites. John Pehrson asked which organizations were running these programs, and Sid Sidorowicz responded it is currently the YMCA, Tiny Tots, and the Boys & Girls Club.

Middle School Support

Marie Kurose noted that the \$2.8 million budget is quite high when you look at the cost for each successful outcome. Someireh Amirfaiz asked why the targets were so low. Antonio Hopson noted that programs are concerned about overshooting their capabilities. Marie Kurose said that when you look at the budget and outcomes, the return on investment looks poor. Cheryl Chow noted that we need to keep this group of kids interested in school so they don’t make bad choices. Holly Miller noted that the baseline passage rate is about 46%. Mary Jean Ryan noted that addressing both Marie Kurose and Cheryl Chow’s issues is very challenging and that the LOC needs to focus on this over time. She noted that if we are serious about influencing academics, we need to put more rigor in after-school programs. Many program changes have taken place, but more substantial change is needed to really impact academic achievement. She noted that research shows that a 15% increase in test scores is the best outcome in the country for this type of program.

Cheryl Chow noted that the original Levy started with community support for bringing more resources to schools. The goal was to keep students connected to school. David Okimoto said that the programs have multiple goals besides the WASL and we shouldn’t ignore those benefits. Marie Kurose asked where kids would be if they don’t pass the WASL since it is critical for student success. Cheryl Chow noted that the WASL is looming but that Olympia is listening to educators, and the WASL shouldn’t be the only means to get a diploma. She is optimistic that the WASL will be reduced in importance. Frances Contreras asked what we are doing to document the qualitative as well as the quantifiable benefits.

Kris Hildebrandt asked why this was the first program to show a “dosage” target since that is important to all programs. Jessica responded that the dosage for CLC attendance simply came up as a critical assumption to make in setting targets for the program.

Someireh Amirfaiz asked if we can increase targets, and Tim Ceis responded that if she wanted to recommend higher targets to the Mayor, to do so at this meeting. Cheryl Chow said she would like to stay with staff recommendations now. OFE has received a great deal of input and has recommended realistic goals. Kris Hildebrandt asked whether contracts are performance-based and if agencies receive bonuses if they reach “stretch” goals. Holly Miller responded by saying that OFE is sensitive to the fact that this is a new program, and we don’t want to push too hard initially but that we may need to take some big leaps to reach outcomes. Someireh Amirfaiz said it is important to push for higher outcomes and asked whether we were setting realistic or low expectations. Debra Sullivan agreed noting that, with children, we should have a higher expectation and that grownups should also have a “stretch” goal.

Cheryl Chow noted that the program relies on being attractive to students. She didn’t want to risk losing students by making the program too academically rigorous. Debra Sullivan suggested increasing the goal for how often students participate.

Cheryl Chow said that she didn’t support the Levy to raise WASL scores but to give schools additional resources. John Pehrson said that we promised voters three things with the Levy: academic achievement, school readiness, and reduced dropouts/increased graduation rates. Mary Jean Ryan added that this Levy is different from the previous ones in setting specific outcomes. John Pehrson noted that we have scarce resources and should be prudent with how we use Levy funds. David Okimoto asked whether we sold voters this after-school program or the WASL outcome. After reviewing the Levy ordinance and legislation, David Okimoto stated the goal of the Levy was to meet the three outcomes described previously by John Pehrson and that the Levy should be flexible in its investments in order to accomplish those three outcomes. He said we need to get at these three directives and need to track outcomes. If these goals are not achieved, programs should be changed. Someireh Amirfaiz stated we need higher program expectations. Antonio Hopson said that he understood the need to stretch kids and wanted to balance it out with other measures beyond the WASL. He is waiting for a trend, noting that the numbers are low.

John Pehrson said that if the program were measured only by WASL, the low outcomes are hard to justify. But if the program were measured by other means, we would need to understand them and measure them. We would have a problem explaining this level of outcomes to the voters. Holly Miller pointed out that we are tracking a variety of indicators for the program. Frances Contreras didn’t want to underscore the current crisis but wanted to caution the issue of promoting only one assessment. She added that we need to find multiple ways of being rigorous. Kris Hildebrandt said we should make indicators more prominent. Councilmember Della agreed that the Council would like to see an improvement in indicators over time and that we need to know where we are and be able to explain to the public. Tim Ceis said that programs need to adapt over time if goals are not being realized. He noted that we are establishing baseline information and need to review this over time. He said that trust is key, and the Mayor is committed to seeing academic improvement using the WASL scores as indicators.

High-Risk Youth

John Pehrson asked if we were narrowing the definition of success by focusing the outcome for staying in school only on progressing to the next grade level. Jessica de Barros said that the existing academic outcomes will continue to be tracked as indicators.

Health

Jerry DeGrieck said that clinics will screen all 5,000 students served for academic risk. David Okimoto asked what the health providers will do to affect WASL and Jerry DeGrieck noted that Health was crafting some interventions that will affect academic success, particularly with mental health.

Concluding Remarks

Tim Ceis noted that he sensed some unrest and disagreement over targets for middle school support and asked LOC members if they would like to put this item back on the agenda for next month. There was LOC support for this item.

The meeting was adjourned.

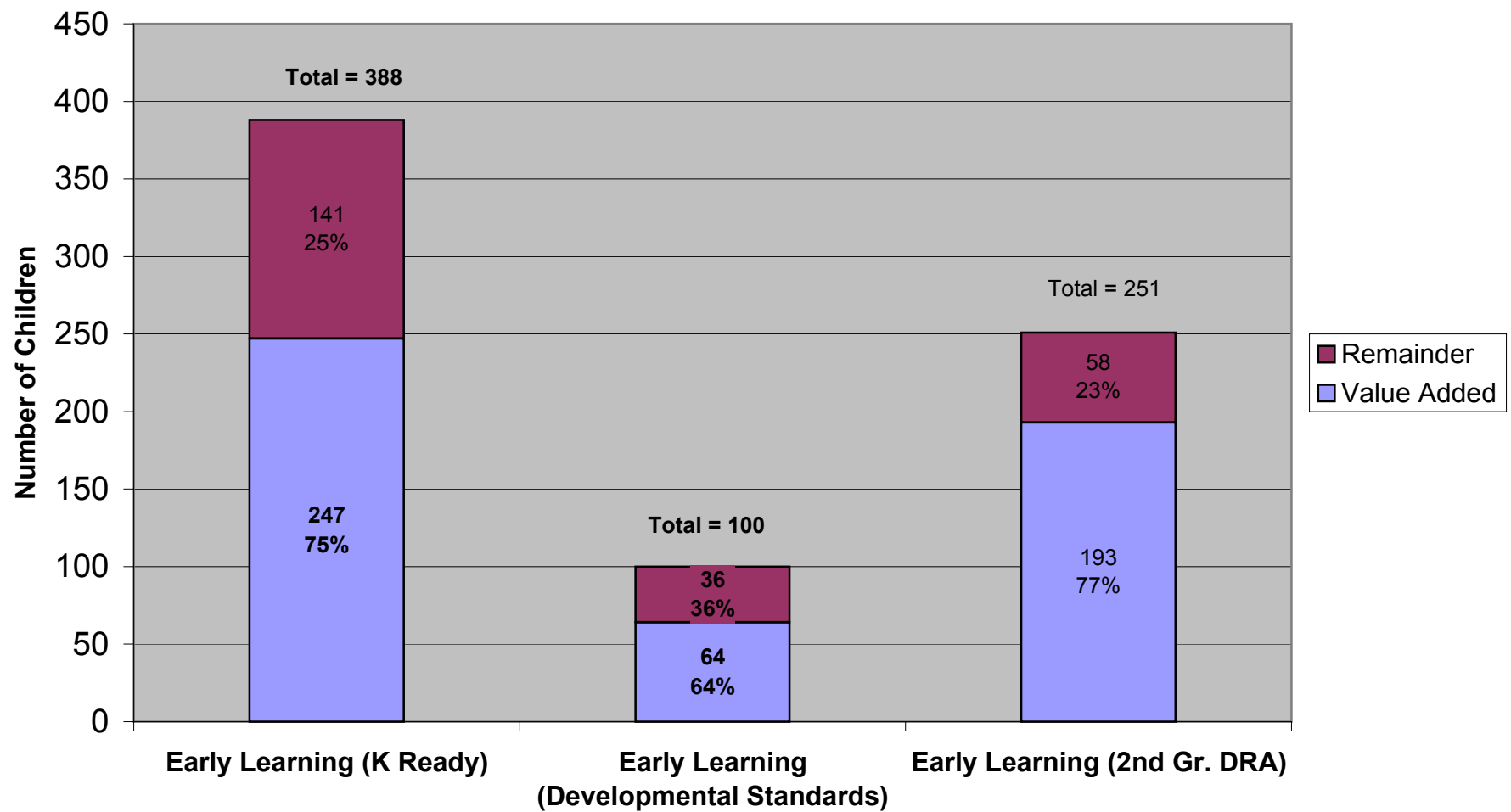
Families & Education Levy Baselines & Value Added

Investment Area	Number Served	Baseline - if nothing changed from the 2005–06 school year	As a result of Levy investments, in September 2007	Change resulting from Levy Investments	Planned 2007 Budget
Early Learning	Out of 388 enrolled in pre-K	None would be ready	248 more children will enter school ready to learn (64%)	Increases from 0 to 248 children (from 0% to 64%)	\$3,310,118
	Out of 100 enrolled in Parent Child Home Program	None would meet standards	64 more three year olds will meet developmental standards (64%)	Increases from 0 to 64 children (from 0% to 64%)	
	Out of 251 still in SPS in 2 nd grade	None would have met the DRA standard	193 more 2 nd grade students who were in pre-K will meet the DRA standard (77%)	Increases from 0 to 193 children (from 0% to 77%)	
Family Support	Out of 2000 students served who had not met standards	None would meet standards	200 more students will meet DRA or WASL Standards (10%)	Increases from 0 to 200 students (from 0% to 10%)	\$2,904,615
Family Involvement	Out of 400 students and families served	116 would meet standards (29%)	50 more students will meet DRA or WASL Standards (13%)	Increases from 116 to 166 students (from 29% to 42%)	
Elementary CLC	Out of 210 students participating	39 would meet standards (18%)	10 more students will meet DRA or WASL Standards (5%)	Increases from 39 to 49 students (from 18% to 23%)	\$3,993,900
Middle School CLC	Out of 1,260 students who attend CLCs regularly	580 would meet standards (46%)	120 more students will meet WASL Standards (10%)	Increases from 580 to 700 students (from 46% to 56%)	
Middle School CLC and Middle School Support	Out of 850 students who have not met standards	None would meet standards	90 more students will meet WASL Standards (11%)	Increases from 0 to 90 students (from 0% to 11%)	
Middle School Support	Out of 350 students who have not met standards	None would meet standards	17 more students will meet WASL Standards (5%)	Increases from 0 to 17 students (from 0% to 5%)	
School-Based Clinics and Nurses	8,990 not in compliance	None would be in compliance	4,000 more students will be brought into compliance with required immunizations	Increases from 0 to 4,000 children (from 0% to 44%)	\$3,846,475
	Out of 5,000 served in clinics	None would receive support	1,800 students will be assisted by school nurses and health center clinicians in managing chronic health conditions	Increases from 0 to 1,800 students (from 0% to 36%)	
	Out of 1,200 served	None would be served	800 high-risk students will be identified and served through more intensive interventions that support academic achievement	Increases from 0 to 800 children (from 0% to 67%)	
	Out of 800 high risk students	152 would meet standards (19%)	No more students will meet WASL standards	No change	
High-Risk Youth	Out of 665 referred to the program	None would stay in or return to school	250 more students will stay in or return to school	Increases from 0 to 250 students (from 0% to 38%)	\$1,030,225
		27 would meet standards (4%)	16 more students will meet WASL Standards (2.4%)	Increases from 27 to 43 students (from 4% to 6.5%)	
	Out of 57 eligible to graduate	None would graduate	26 more students will graduate (46%)	Increases from 0 to 26 children (from 0% to 46%)	

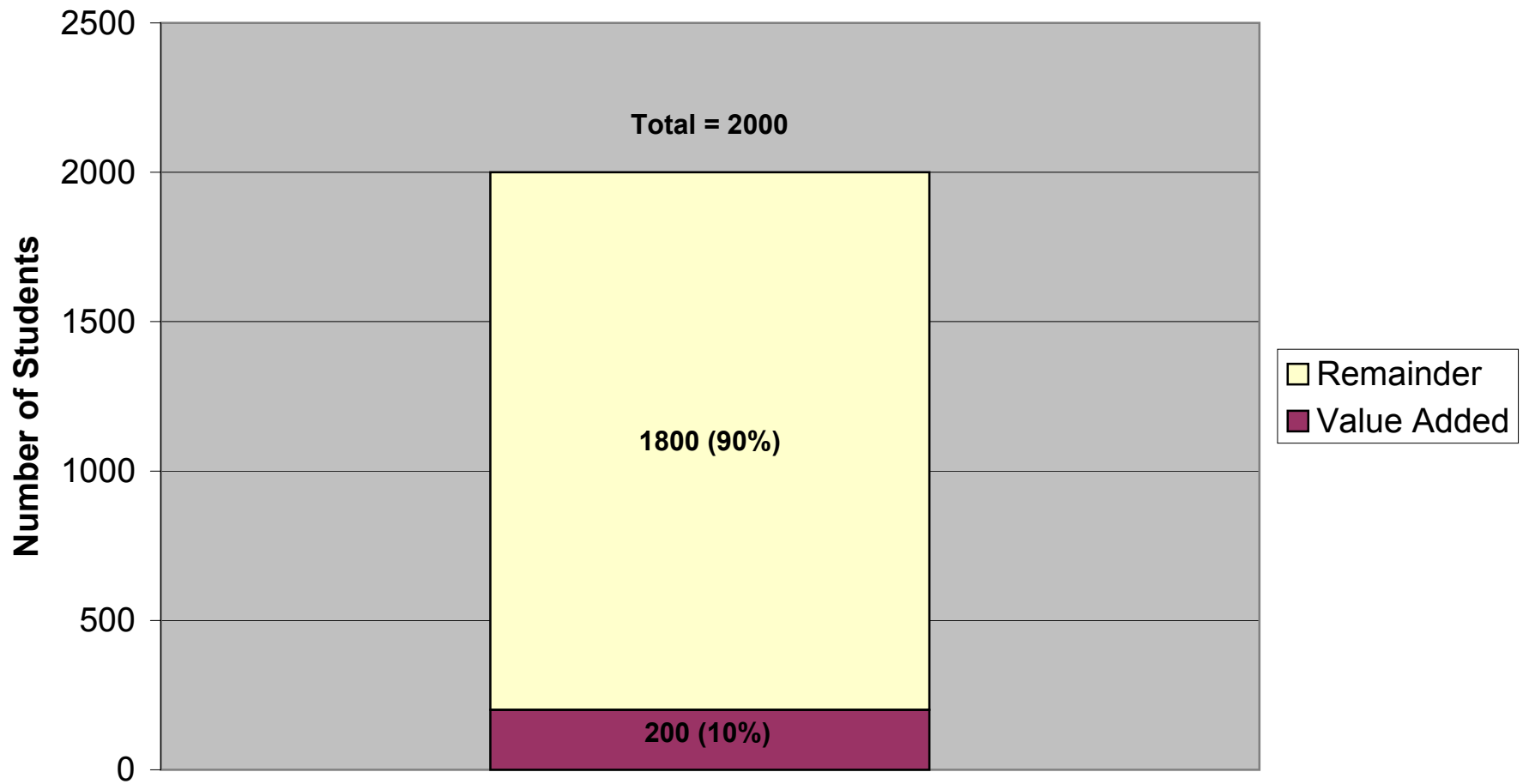
Families & Education Levy Indicators

Investment Area	Indicators
Early Learning	The number and percent of preschool students meeting developmental standards of learning; The number and percent of early learning classrooms receiving high classroom assessment scores; and The number of families receiving home visits
Family Support and Family Involvement	Number and percent of students in 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grade passing either the reading or math WASL Number and percent of students in 1 st and 2 nd grade improving their DRA score; Students improving attendance as measured by percentage of school days attended; Improved student behavior as measured by reduced average number of disciplinary actions per student; Increased number of families attending parent/teacher conferences, attending School Intervention Team (SIT) meetings, or receiving home visits; Increased school retention rate.
Elementary CLC	Number and percent of students improving their reading or math WASL performance; Number and percent of students meeting either the reading or math WASL standard; Number and percent of students improving their DRA scores; Number and percent of students progressing on time to next grade level; Number and percent of students improving attendance; and Families participating in CLC events and classes.
Middle School CLC and Middle School Support	Number of students with MSSP individual learning plans participating in CLCs; Number of MSSP students who participated in CLC programs twice a week or more; Number of MSSP students who participated in CLC programs twice a week or more who achieved their learning goals; Increased number of families attending after-school activities; Number and percent of students improving their attendance; Number and percent of students improving their Grade Point Average; Student behavior as measured by the average number of disciplinary actions per student; Number of students with improved attitudes about school and their personal ability to succeed, as measured by the Search Institute Asset Development Survey; Number and percent of students improving their reading or math WASL performance; Number and percent of students meeting either the reading or math WASL standard 2006; DRA scores; Gates McGinite (reading, vocabulary and comprehension); EduSoft Math; and classroom-based assessments
School-Based Clinics and Nurses	Number and percentage of students meeting standard on one or more WASL tests; Number and percentage of students progressing on-time to the next grade level; Students improving attendance; Student Grade Point Averages; and, The number of transfers to alternative school settings where school dropout rates are higher than other schools.
High-Risk Youth	Number and percent of students making progress on Individual Service Plans; Number and percent of students increasing school attendance; Number and percent of students reducing disciplinary referral rates; Number and percent of students meeting either the math or reading WASL; Number and percent of students improving their reading or math WASL performance; Number and percent of students completing a GED.

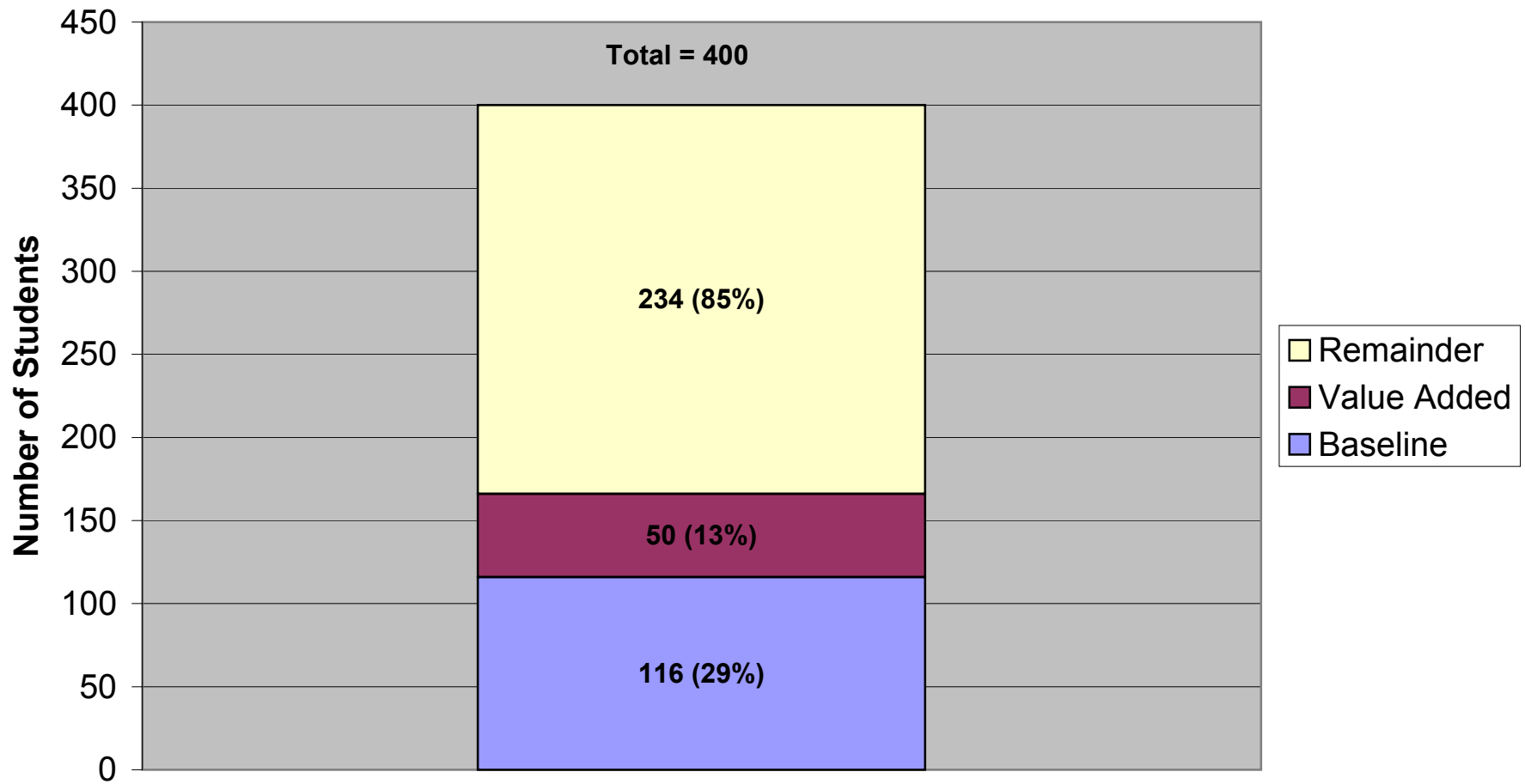
EARLY LEARNING
2006-07 Families & Education Levy Targets
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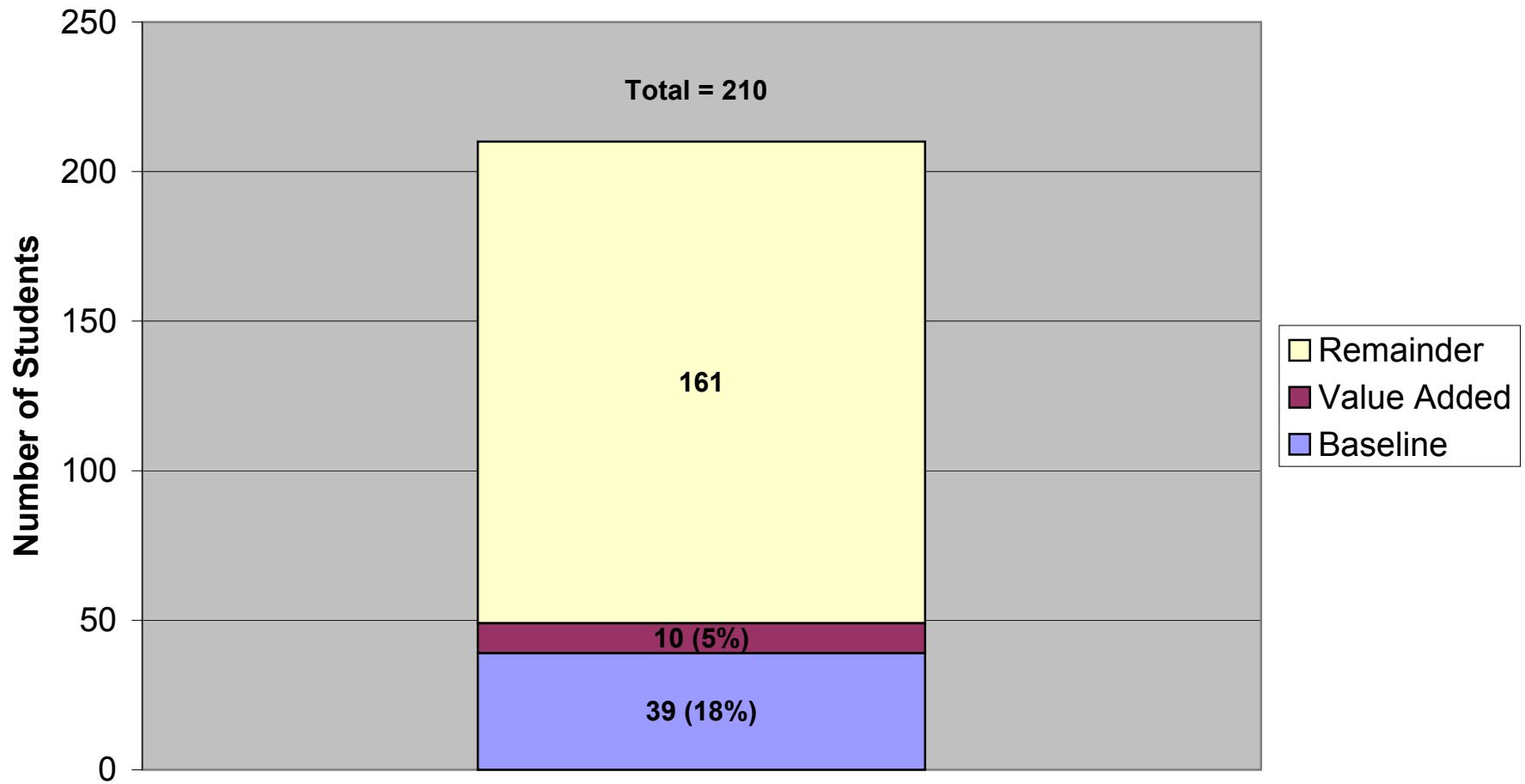
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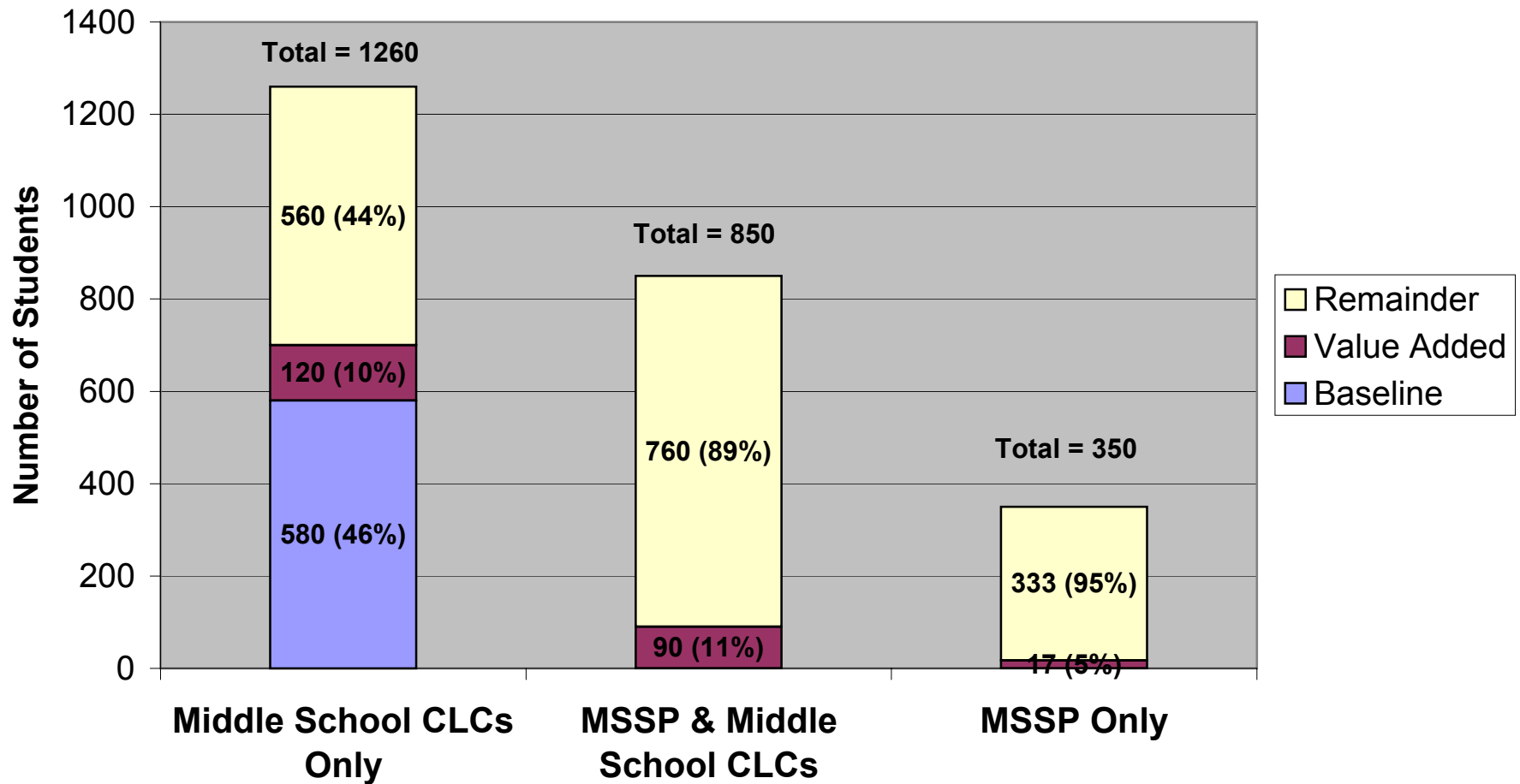
FAMILY INVOLVEMENT
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Baseline, Value Added & Remainder



ELEMENTARY CLCs
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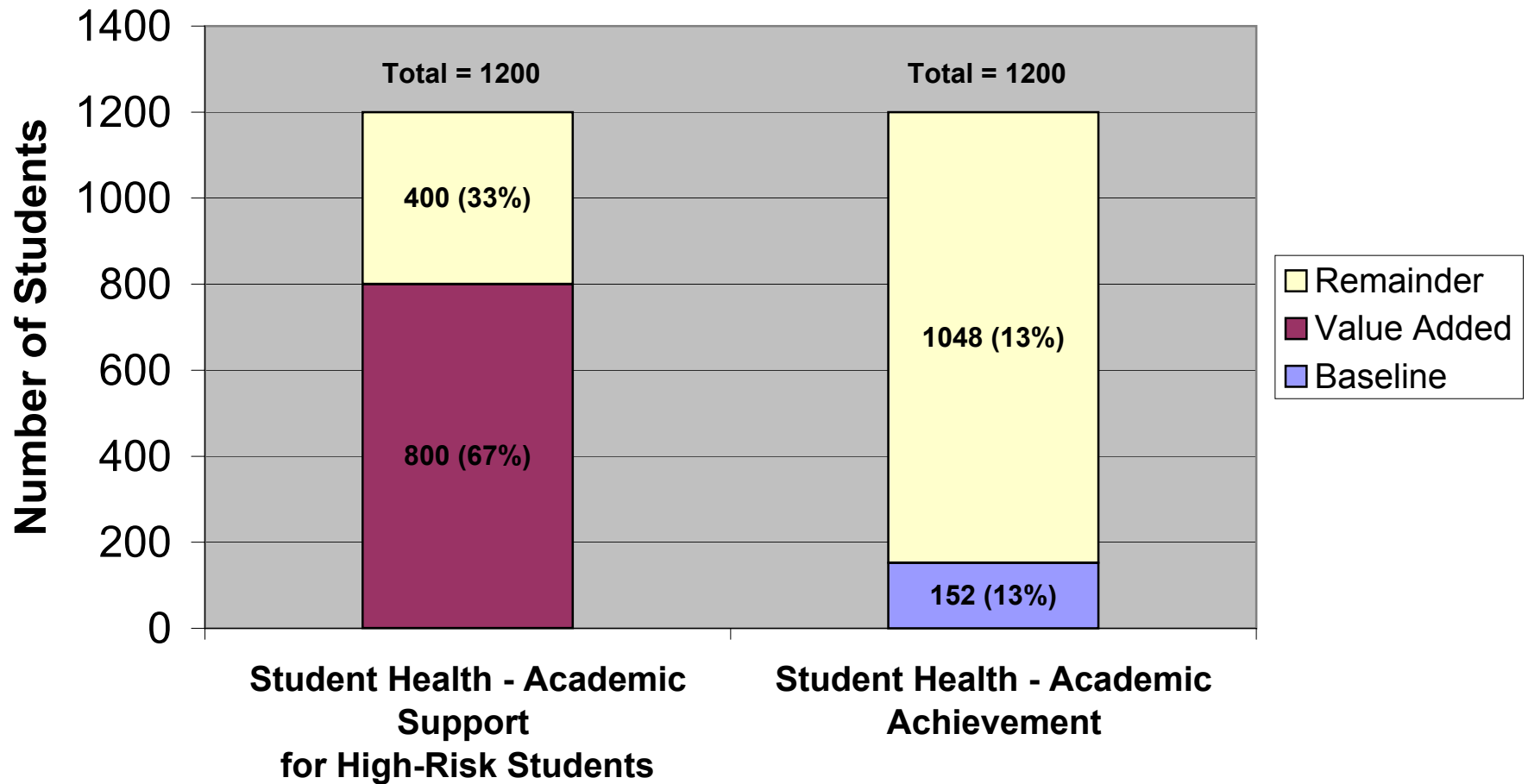
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Baseline, Value Added & Remainder



STUDENT HEALTH

Families & Education Levy Targets

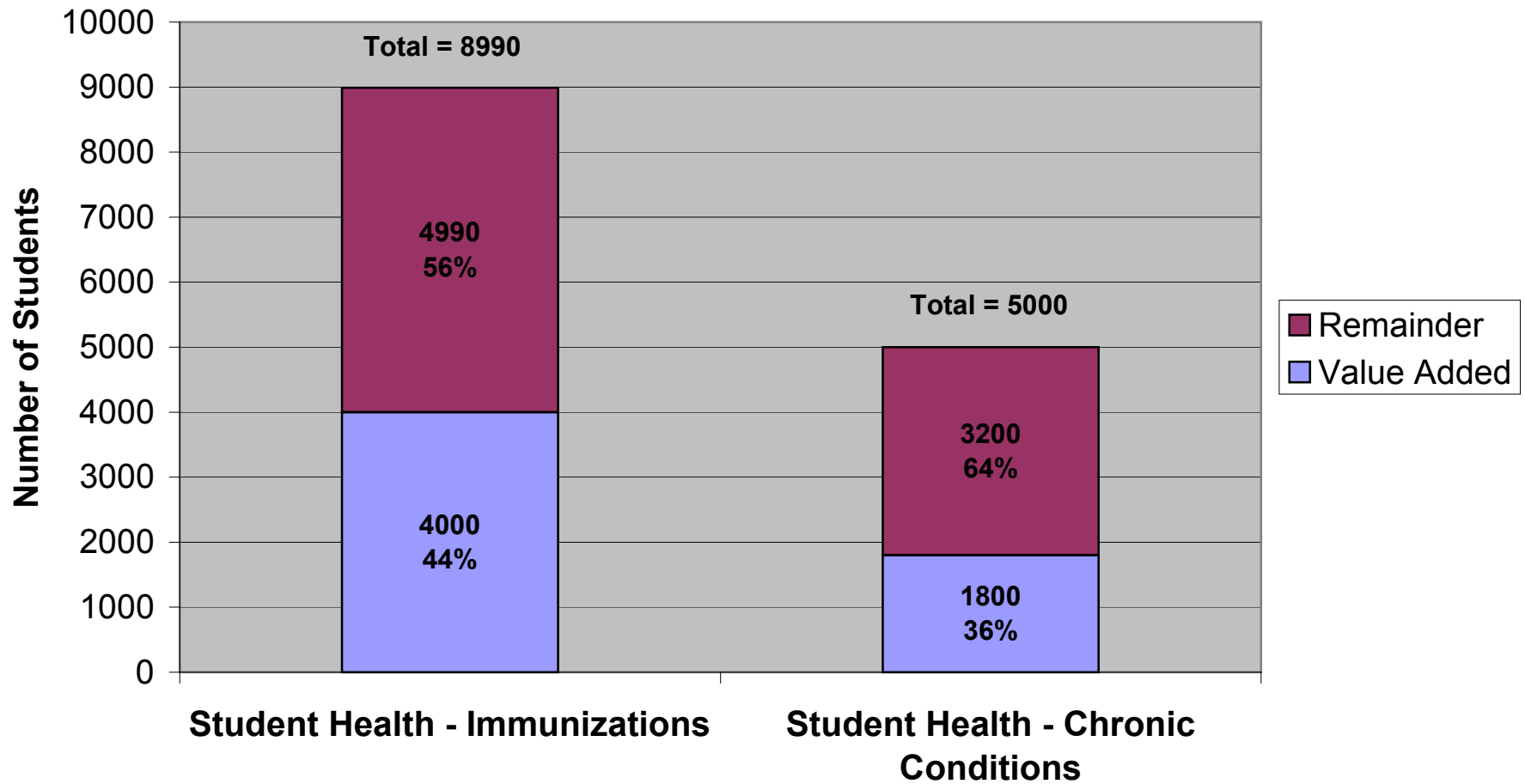
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SEATTLE TEAM FOR YOUTH
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